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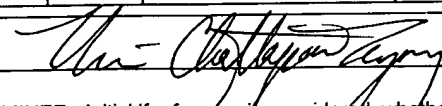
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	C	2002/0077696	06/20/02	Zadno-Azizi <i>et al.</i>	523/1.24	02/21/02
	D	2002/0095209	07/18/02	Zadno-Azizi <i>et al.</i>	623/1.24	02/08/02
	E	4,710,192	12/01/87	Liotta <i>et al.</i>	623/1	10/17/86
	F	4,808,183	02/28/89	Panje	623/9	06/03/80
	G	4,819,664	04/11/89	Nazari	128/207.15	02/17/88
	H	4,850,999	07/25/89	Planck	623/1	05/26/81
	I	4,877,025	10/31/89	Hanson	128/107.16	10/06/88
	J	5,116,564	05/26/92	Jansen <i>et al.</i>	264/255	10/10/89
	K	5,358,518	10/25/94	Camilli	623/2	01/25/93
	L	5,382,261	01/17/95	Palmaz	606/158	09/01/92
	M	5,499,995	03/19/96	Teirstein	606/192	05/25/94
	N	5,660,175	08/26/97	Dayal	128/207.15	08/21/95
	O	5,662,713	09/02/97	Andersen <i>et al.</i>	623/12	09/14/95
	P	5,683,451	11/04/97	Lenker <i>et al.</i>	623/1	06/07/95
	Q	5,840,081	11/24/98	Andersen <i>et al.</i>	623/2	02/19/97
	R	5,855,601	01/05/99	Bessler <i>et al.</i>	623/2	06/21/96
	S	5,957,949	09/28/99	Leonhardt <i>et al.</i>	606/194	05/01/97
	T	5,984,965	11/16/99	Knapp <i>et al.</i>	623/12	08/28/97
	U	6,007,575	12/28/99	Samuels	623/1	06/06/97
	V	6,020,380	02/01/00	Killian	514/570	11/25/98
	W	6,051,022	04/18/00	Cai <i>et al.</i>	623/2	12/30/98
	X	6,083,255	07/04/00	Laufer <i>et al.</i>	607/96	12/19/97
	Y	6,123,663	09/26/00	Rebuffat	A61F2/00	12/23/98
	Z	6,135,991	10/24/00	Muni <i>et al.</i>	604/509	03/27/98
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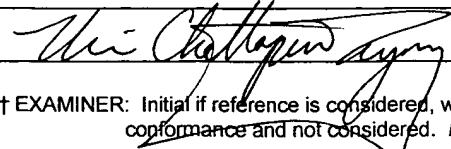
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	AG	6,293,951 B1	09/25/01	Alfermess <i>et al.</i>	606/108	08/24/99
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	AK	6,327,772 B1	12/11/01	Zadno-Azizi <i>et al.</i>	29/557	04/13/99
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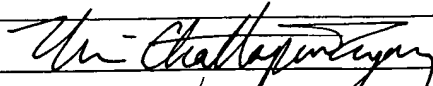
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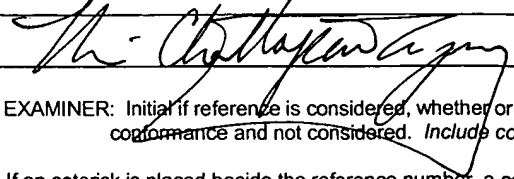
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